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SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER RAZAK VISIT TO NEW ZEALAND

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1. NEW ZEALAND HIGH COMMISSION OFFICER A.G. SIMCOCK TOLD EMBOFF AUG 15 THAT PM RAZAK'S VISIT TO NEW ZEALAND SET FOR SEPT 6 THROUGH 11, AFTER WHICH RAZAK WILL VISIT AUSTRALIA AND INDONESIA. JAKARTA STOP WILL BE FOR ASEAN SUMMIT WHICH SIMCOCK SAID MAY RPT MAY CONSIDER FUTURE AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND TECHNICAL AID PROGRAMS AND OTHER RELATIONSHIPS WITH ASEAN NATIONS. PROGRAM FOR RAZAK VISIT TO NZ NOT FINALIZED AND, ACCORDING SIMCOCK, WILL PROBABLY BE LAST-MINUTE EFFORT DUE TO GOM PREOCCUPATION WITH ELECTIONS AUG 24 AND NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS AUG 31. HOWEVER, FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS INDICATED TO NZ HICOM THAT RAZAK DESIRES MAXIMUM INFORMALITY AND AMPLE TIME TO RELAX. SIMCOCK VENTURED THAT RAZAK WILL PROBABLY SPEND A FEW DAYS AT SKI OR HOT SPRINGS RESORT.

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2. SIMCOCK ALSO SAID THAT NZ HICOM HAVING DIFFICULTY DEFINING

TOPICS FOR KIRK-RAZAK SUBSTANTIVE TALKS. NZ HAS NO PLANS OFFER NEW AID TO GOM, ESPECIALLY AS BILATERAL ECONOMIC/TECHNICAL COOPERATION MATTERS REVIEWED DURING PM KIRK'S VISIT TO K.L. IN DEC 1973. SIMCOCK DECLINED COMMENT ON POSSIBILITY OF TRANSFER OF MALAYSIAN HICOM IN WELLINGTON, JACK DESILVA, WHO HAS HAD RUNNING BATTLE WITH NZ STUDENT GROUPS (WELLINGTON 1789).

3. RE FUTURE NZ COOPERATION WITH ASEAN, SIMCOCK NOTED THAT LACK OF NZ EMBASSY IN MANILA HAS RETARDED FORMULATION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROPOSALS BUT, BY END OF YEAR, NZ SHOULD HAVE MISSIONS IN ALL ASEAN CAPITALS. SIMCOCK SAID THAT NZ-ASEAN COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS WILL BE HANDLED BY ITS HICOM IN SINGAPORE ACCORDING TO INTRA-ASEAN AGREEMENT ASSIGNING GOS RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONTACTS WITH GNZ. AFTER ASEAN SECRETARIAT SET UP, POSSIBLY IN 1975 OR 1976, GNZ MAY SECOND AGRICULTURAL EXPERT TO ASEAN HEADQUARTERS IN JAKARTA. ALSO, GNZ MAY PROVIDE EXPERT ADVICE AND TRAINING TO ASEAN NATIONS IN INSURANCE FIELD WHICH IDENTIFIED AS COMMON AREA OF INTEREST AT ASEAN MINISTERIAL MEETING IN JAKARTA IN EARLY MAY.

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